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Swamp Things: A Look at Life in a Southeastern Swamp
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Catawba Science Center

A dark and mysterious realm awaits for visitors brave enough to venture into this immersive exhibit at Catawba Science Center, filled with sights and sounds of the southeastern swamp – buzzing insects, pounding rainstorms, calling birds – and of course, the critters that dwell in still, murky waters and dark, smelly mud.

You never know what lies around the next bend of the boardwalk, with LIVE animals including a six-foot American alligator, a bobcat, Screech owls, raccoon, skunk, opossum, venomous snakes, toads, giant spiders and more.

Swamp Things exhibit-related programs include weekly alligator feedings, swamp-themed birthday parties for children, an overnight camping trip in the Congaree Swamp, a weeklong expedition to the Okefenokee Swamp and more.

Admission to Swamp Things is \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth (3 to 18), seniors (62+), college students and active military with current ID. Admission is free for children under 3, and Catawba Science Center members.

Live from the Swamp
Public Programs (starting Feb. 10)

- **Swamp Creatures**

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Join a swamp guide for an up-close visit with some of the animals in CSC's swamp. Learn about their behaviors and habitats. *Free with general CSC admission.*

- **Gator Feeding**

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Learn what the alligator and other CSC swamp animals eat during this exciting, LIVE feeding.
Free with general CSC admission.

- **Swamp Life**

Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Sundays, 2 p.m.

Visit Swamp Things and get a special look at the day's featured creature, and learn how it fits into swamp ecology. *Free with general CSC admission.*

More information at www.CatawbaScience.org, or (828) 322-8169.

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Catawba Science Center is a nonprofit science and technology museum in the Western Piedmont with traveling exhibits, a digital planetarium theater and North Carolina's only marine touch pool with live sharks and stingrays. Learn more at CatawbaScience.org.

CSC is funded in part by the United Arts Fund of Catawba County and is located in the Arts and Science Center of Catawba Valley, on the SALT Block, 243 3rd Avenue NE, Hickory.